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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY ON ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND AND OTHER MATTERS

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1. ZDF: EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
FALLE TO CALL ON PERMANENT SECRETARY ALHAJI M.A.
SANUSI, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OCT. 11, TO SUPPORT
BRITISH DEMARCHE ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND (ZDF).

2. FALLE INITIALLY EXPRESSED THANKS FOR FMG COMMITMENT
TO POLITICAL ELEMENTS OF RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT,
OUTLINED BRITISH POSITION ON ZDF AND PRESENTED
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PRESENTATION FOLLOWED TEXT OF "SPEAKING NOTES." PARA 10
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3. EMBOFF EXPRESSED USG APPRECIATION FOR FMG SUPPORT OF
RHODESIAN INITIATIVE AND USG SUPPORT OF BRITISH DEMARCHE.

4. SMITH-KAUNDE MEETING: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF ZDF

SANUSI VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE SMITH KAUNDA MEETING. SMITH WAS EXPREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF LORD CARVER FEARING THAT CARVER MIGHT WISH TO TRY SMITH FOR TREASON. FALLE STATED THAT HE KNEW CARVER PERSONALLY AND VIEWED HIM AS AN INTELLECTUAL SOLDIER. AS TO SMITH'S SPECIFIC CONCERN, HE NOTED CARVER HAD STATED IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT HE HOPED SMITH WOULD REMAIN IN RHODESIA AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN.

5. ACCORDING TO SANUSI, SMITH ALSO WISHED TO OBTAIN KAUNDA'S SUPPORT FOR SELECTED INTEGRATION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES INTO EXISTING RHODESIAN ARMY. KAUNDA REPORTEDLY GAVE NO SUPPORT TO SMITH PROPOSAL AND DID NOT GO BYEOND PROPOSAL TO BASE NEW ZIMBABWEAN ARMY ON LIBERATION FORCES.

6. LIBYA AND NKOMO: SANUSI ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT WITH NKOMO. HE STATED THAT FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE BY A "FRONT LINE STATE" OF ARMS SHIPPED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, NKOMO HAD VISITED QADHAFI IN LIBYA TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING QADHAFI HAD SENT A LETTER TO KAUNDA ASKING HIM TO CONFIRM THAT THE LIBYAN ARMS SHIPMENT HAD ARRIVED IN LUSAKA AND HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE FMG IS CONCERNED THAT THIS MAY INDICATE AN EFFORT ON QADHAFI'S PART TO SUPPORT NKOMO AT THE EXPENSE OF MUGABE, ALTHOUGH THE FMG HAS NO CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THIS ANALYSIS. SANUSI ADDED THAT THESE EVENTS HAD OCCURED MORE THAN A MONTH EARLIER AND THE SUCCESS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN THE MEANTIME HAD ALLAYED FMG EARLIER CONCERN. HOWEVER, HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE MAY HAVE CONCERNING LIBYAN ACTION.

7. SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION: FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RHODESIA, SANUSI HAD CALLED IN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS AND ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE SOVIET ABSTENTION. SOVIET AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THE USSR HAD ABSTAINED BECAUSE IT DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD BE APPOINTED AS UN REP. SANUSI DID NOT STATE WHETHER USSR OBJECTED TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE RESOLUTION.

8. COMMENT: FALLE AND EMBOFF FOUND SANUSI SURPRISINGLY FORTHCOMING ON THESE AND NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES REPORTED SEPTEL. PASSING REFERENCE TO CARTER-OBASANJO MEETINGS SUGGEST THAT HE BELIEVES THESE AND OTHER AFRICAN TOPICS MIGHT BE RAISED BY OBASANJO IN MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT.

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